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Dec-05	28.00	33.00
Jan-06	27.00	33.00
Feb-06	27.00	33.00
Mar-06	28.00	34.00
Apr-06	29.00	33.00
May-06	31.00	34.00
Jun-06	31.00	34.00
Jul-06	31.00	33.00
Aug-06	35.00	34.00
Sep-06	41.00	35.00
Oct-06	42.50	35.00
Nov-06	41.00	34.00
Dec-06	38.00	33.00
Jan-07	36.00	36.00
Feb-07	35.00	35.00
Mar-07	32.00	35.00
Apr-07	33.00	38.00

SOURCE: State Food and Civil Supplies Department.

Reduction in wheat allocation to Kerala

3231. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central allocation of wheat to Kerala under the Publication Distribution System has been reduced from 46190 MTs to 19130 MTs;

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(b) whether the huge cut in the quantity of wheat caused severe shortage in the supply of wheat to the ration card holders under PDS in the State;

(c) whether Government of Kerala has requested the Central Government for revision of the decision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) From June, 2006, due to a decline in stocks of wheat in Central Pool, the allocations made under the Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) have been rationalized for all the States/UTs, including Kerala, on the basis of each State's average offtake for the last 3 years or the last year's offtake, which ever was lower. A 25% cut on this has been imposed in respect of rice consuming States and Delhi for APL category. But, the overall allocation of foodgrains remained unchanged, for the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families as the reduced wheat allocation was made up by corresponding increase in rice allocation.

The details of the pre-revised and revised total allocation of wheat to the State of Kerala for all categories (APL, BPL and AAY) are as follows:

Monthly Allocation (in tonnes)		
Pre-revised	Revised	
March, 2006	June, 2006	July, 2006 onwards
46190	19113	18740

However, with improved stock position, the Central Government made an *ad-hoc* allocation of 51000 Tonnes of wheat for the Above Poverty Line (APL) families in 7 instalments for the months of September, 06 to March, 07. Further, an *ad-hoc* allocation of 16000 Tonnes of wheat for the APL families has also been made for the months of April, 07 and May, 07.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Requests for revision of the decision have been received from the Chief Minister of the State and the Food Minister of the State of Kerala, but the requests could not be acceded to in view of availability of foodgrains. The State Government was informed accordingly.